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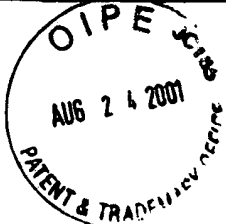
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action issued on June 1, 2001,  
applicant advises as follows:

Remarks

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as  
being anticipated by Adler.

Thus rejection is traversed.

The Examiner states:

"Adler discloses a diffuse lighting arrangement comprising a  
main power cord having a plug at one end thereof and incorporating  
a plurality of identical minimally spaced apart strings of spaced  
apart miniature lights extending from the power cord, the strings  
of lights are substantially identical in length ( figs 1 and 3 ),  
the lights on each string are electrically connected in series and  
parallel ( col. 2, line 34 )."

This reading of Adler is missing the gist of Adler, when the  
invention is viewed "as a whole", as required by law.

Adler discloses a decorative light fixture ( in the shape of